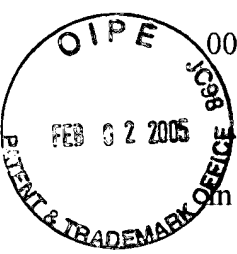


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Applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and a Notice of Allowability dated January 21, 2005, in the above-identified application. Applicant, however, filed an Information Disclosure Statement on January 16, 2004, prior to issuance of the Notice of Allowance on January 21, 2005. To date, the Examiner has not yet indicated consideration of those papers. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner indicate his consideration of the material submitted in that Information Disclosure Statement by initialing and returning a copy of the PTO-1449 form (erroneously dated January 16, 2003) attached to that paper. Attached, for the Examiner's convenience, are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, the PTO-1449 form, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office date stamped postcard receipt indicating the filing of those papers on that date.

Applicant believes that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fees be associated herewith. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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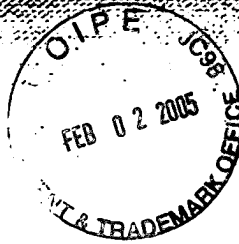
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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of these documents are not required in this application, pursuant to the August 5, 2003, Official Gazette Notice entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003."

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.


This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

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